Philosophy 10
Intro to Ethics
Cabrillo College
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Paper #1

Aristotle's Virtue Ethics, Mill's Utilitarianism, and Kant's Deontological theories represent three fundamentally distinct approaches to how we should live and act. Which of these views seems most plausible to you? What seems misguided or inconsistent about each of the other two theories? What are some potential problems for, or objections to, the view that you are arguing for? How would you respond to those objections to further defend your view? Your paper should have a clear thesis statement (a statement of what you will be arguing) in the opening paragraph. The paper should have the following structure:

I. Intro (including clear and concise thesis statement)
II. Exegesis/Summary (*brief* summary of the view you are defending and an explanation of how it is distinct from the other two views)
III. *Your own arguments* in support of your view (above and beyond the arguments given by Aristotle, Kant, or Mill).
IV. Potential objections *to your own arguments*
V. Replies to the objections you raised in IV.
VI. Exceedingly *brief* conclusion (what did you argue for and how did you argue for it?)